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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-13 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An overhead cable wherein a sectional shape of an outer circumferential surface formed by outermost members is a polygon inscribing a circle of a diameter d mm, sides of the polygon are formed as substantially flat surfaces connecting adjoining vertexes, vertexes of the polygon inscribing the circle are cut away to form arc-shaped grooves having a radius R mm and having a depth H mm from the vertexes, and the arc-shaped grooves are formed in spirals in the outer circumference of the overhead cable in a longitudinal direction of the overhead cable at predetermined pitches,

the diameter d of the overhead cable being in a range of 36.6 to 52 mm, and

the outer circumferential surface formed by the outermost members being formed by a number N of vertexes of the polygon, N being greater than 20 and equal or less than 26,

the depth H of each arc-shaped groove and the diameter d satisfy a condition defined by the following formula 1:

(1)

and

the radius R of each arc-shaped groove and the depth H satisfy a condition defined by the following formula 2:

(2).

REMARKS

The specific changes to the amended claims are shown on a separate set of pages attached hereto and entitled <u>VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE</u>, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, the <u>insertions are underlined</u> while the <u>deletions are stricken through</u>.